

Fact Sheet on Democrat Stimulus Legislation (H.R. 1)

Job-Creating Tax Cuts and Infrastructure Investments Lost Out in H.R. 1

- Democrats significantly reduced the value of tax cuts in the bill, including:
 - Reducing the amount of President Obama's "Making Work Pay Tax Credit" from \$500 to \$400 per individual and from \$1,000 to \$800 per family. **This provision was the keystone of the stimulus' meager tax package, and it will only now reduce taxes by about \$7.70 a week for middle-class workers.**
 - **Reduces tax cuts designed to kick start the ailing housing industry.** The Senate included language that would provide anyone who buys a home during 2009 with a \$15,000 tax credit. The final bill turns that into a \$7,500 tax credit for first-time homebuyers, limiting its impact on our ailing housing industry.
- While \$1 billion in infrastructure spending creates on average 30,000 jobs, **H.R. 1 contains only around \$50 billion in funding for roads, bridges, harbor dredging, and passenger rail improvements.** This is despite Democratic claims that this legislation is primarily an infrastructure bill.
- **H.R. 1 cuts job-creating projects to improve VA hospitals** and housing and other facilities on our military bases.

H.R. 1 Dramatically Increases the Size of Government

- **A total of 104 Federal government programs are being created or expanded.** If this spending is extended over the next 10 years, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that it will cost an additional \$3.2 trillion.
- The bill rolls back the meaningful bipartisan reforms contained in the 1996 welfare reform bill by **scrapping the work requirements that have been so successful in moving families off the welfare rolls.**
- Funds a \$1.1 billion study on health care "comparative effectiveness." **There is no job creation figure provided for this spending, and it represents a major first step towards government-ran health care.**

H.R. 1's Cost is Clear, but It's Job-Creation is Not

- **H.R. 1 will cost the average American family AT LEAST \$9,418,** and much of that will not lead to the creation of a single job.
- The bill's cost - \$798.5 billion – is, according to the Federal Reserve, almost as much as all the money currently in circulation in the U.S. **If H.R. 1 were a nation's GDP, it would be the 16th largest economy in the world.**

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